

Program Presenters

Nancy Wright Beasley is the author of “Izzy’s Fire: Finding Humanity in the Holocaust,” which was a finalist for the James River Writers People’s Choice Award. She has been a columnist and contributing editor for Richmond Magazine since 1998. During her 27-year journalistic career, Beasley has written numerous award-winning columns and articles. She holds a master’s from Virginia Commonwealth University’s School of Mass Communications, where she now teaches.

Diana Cosby owes her passion for writing to a gypsy childhood of living, traveling and experiencing various cultures throughout the world. An avid romance reader her entire life, it was an easy decision to begin writing after retiring from her career as a chief petty officer of the Navy. She has written more than 10 novels in several genres, including suspense, mystery, romance and fantasy, featuring subjects as diverse as Vikings, Scottish knights in the era of Robert the Bruce and a fictional police precinct in Virginia Beach.

Lori Dillon is the author of two historical romance and romantic fantasy novels, “Ashes in the Wind” and “The Highland Wife.” After working as a graphic designer for 14 years, Dillon quit the corporate world to be a stay-at-home mom. Soon she decided to turn her “dabbling attempts at writing into a new career, with the goal of becoming published by the time my youngest enters kindergarten,” she said. In the spring of 2005, Dillon signed with an agent on her second manuscript, a bumbling-guardian-angel story. Her latest novel in progress, “Heart of the Dragon,” is a medieval time-travel with fantasy elements.

Mike Harris is the sports editor at the Richmond Times-Dispatch and the author of “Game of My Life, Virginia Tech: Memorable Stories of Hokie Football and Basketball.” Harris interviewed some of Virginia Tech’s most famous athletes to recreate memorable moments in the college’s sporting history.

Ray McAllister has been a columnist for the Richmond Times-Dispatch since 1988. A collection of his columns was published in 1995. His second book is “Topsail Island: Mayberry by the Sea,” a portrait of the resort island in North Carolina. The 200-page book began as a column McAllister wrote in 2005 after a vacation on the island. The column drew tremendous response. Readers demanded that he write a book about this charming, old-fashioned community. The book has gone into its fourth printing.

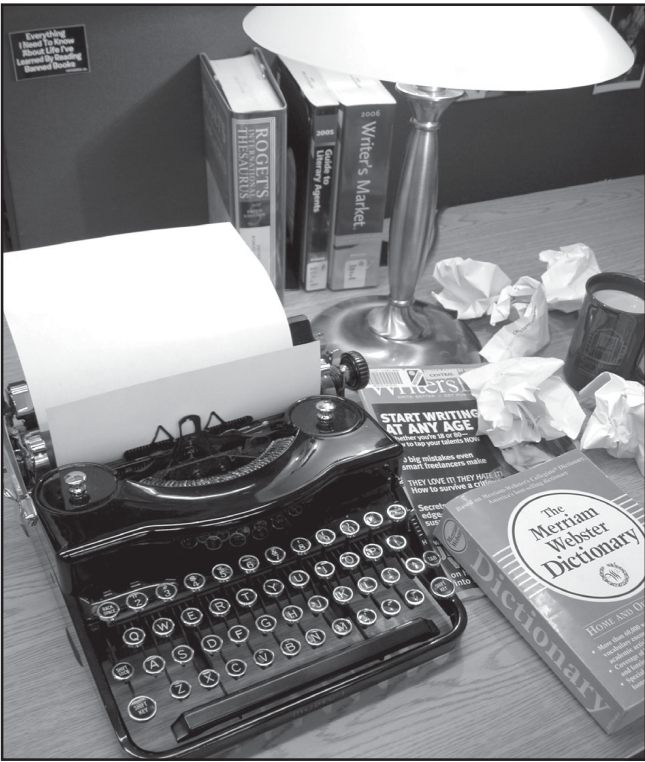
Stephanie Sammartino McPherson thinks that writing for children is the greatest job in the world. A former teacher and journalist, she has written many articles for children’s magazines and more than 20 nonfiction titles for children, including the award-winning “Ordinary Genius: The Story of Albert Einstein” and “Jonas Salk: Conquering Polio.” Her contributions to the Barnes & Noble History Maker Bios series for school-aged children include books about Susan B. Anthony, Gen. Douglas MacArthur, Sir Walter Raleigh and Levi Strauss.

J.B. Stanley draws on her passion for antiques, animals and food to write her two cozy mystery series. Her Collectibles Mystery series follows sleuthing reporter Molly Appleby through the South, and each volume includes tips on collecting. Stanley’s second novel in this series, “A Fatal Appraisal,” is set in Richmond. Her Supper Club Mystery series depicts the adventures, both romantic and suspenseful, of the members of a dieters’ supper club. Healthful recipes are just one of the ingredients in this new series.

Marcia Talley is the Agatha and Anthony award-winning author of “This Enemy Town.” Previous titles in her Hannah Ives mystery series include “Sing it to Her Bones,” “Unbreathed Memories,” Occasion of Revenge,” and “In Death’s Shadow.” She edited and contributed to two star-studded collaborative serial novels, “Naked Came the Phoenix” and “I’d Kill for That.” Her prize-winning short stories appear in numerous collections.

Chesterfield County Public Library

Writers Workshop



Central Library
Saturday, March 31
10 a.m.-4 p.m.

The Central Library is located at 9501 Lori Road, Chesterfield, Va.

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Registration Form

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The registration fee of \$25 includes a box lunch.
Please circle your choice.

- Turkey
Roast beef and cheddar
Veggie wrap

Please list your choices in order of
importance for each session.

Table with 4 columns: Time Slot, 1st, 2nd, 3rd. Rows include 10:30 a.m. (1, 2, 3), 11:45 a.m. (4, 5, 6), and 1:45 p.m. (7, 8).

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P.O. Box 297
Chesterfield, Va. 23832

Include a check for \$25 made payable to:

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No phone registrations will be accepted.
All registrations are due by March 26.

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Parking is first-come, first-served with overflow parking at the Chesterfield County Courts Complex, located on the other side of Lucy Corr Boulevard.

Table with 4 columns and 8 rows detailing the workshop schedule. Rows include time slots (10-10:30 a.m., 10:30-11:30 a.m., 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m., 1-1:45 p.m., 1:45-2:45 p.m., 3-4 p.m.), speaker names (Marcia Talley, Mike Harris, Diana Cosby, Lori Dillon, Nancy Wright Beasley, Stephanie Sammartino McPherson, Ray McAllister, J.B. Stanley), and topics (Demystifying the Mystery, From 0-60,000 Words, Writing Historicals, Paranormal Romance, Write What You Know, Writing for Children, Using Newspaper Skills, Becoming a Published Author).

Please call Blanche DePonte at 717-6381 for more information.

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